



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Police Commissioner

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RE: MPIA Request 19-1608

Dear Ms. Parsons,

On November 1, 2019, you submitted a request for public records to the Document Compliance Unit ("DCU") of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD"), for all search warrants, applications for search warrants, cancellations and authorization for search warrants between 2012 to the present. The Maryland Public Information Act ("PIA"), Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, § 4-101, *et seq.* governs your request.

BPD does not keep search warrants in a central location nor does BPD have a database that maintains search warrants. Search warrants are kept separately within an Officer/Detective/Sergeant's case file.

In addition BPD would not be the Custodian of Records for search warrants, search warrants are issued by the District Court of Maryland.

Also, if BPD was the Custodian of Records for search warrants, they would not be disclosable without a Court order pursuant to *Maryland Rule § 4-601(d)(e)(g)(h)(i)(j)*.

You have the right under PIA § 4-1B-04 to contact the Public Access Ombudsman to mediate any dispute(s) you may have with this response. You may also, contest this response by filing a complaint for Judicial Review in Circuit Court pursuant to PIA § 4-362. Please refer to MPIA tracking # **19 1608** in any subsequent correspondence pertaining to this matter.

Sincerely,

_____/s/_____
Dana Abdul Saboor
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